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Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, August 20, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended August 20, 1901:

Population, according to census of 1896, 1,856; present officially estimated population, 2,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none; prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: August 14, steamship *S. Oteri*; crew, 35; passengers from this port, 15; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 23. August 16, steamship *Biatton*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 17, steamship *Adria*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,

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The SURGEON GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

ITALY.

*Report from Naples—Smallpox and typhus fever.*

NAPLES, ITALY, August 19, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended August 17, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

August 14, the steamship *Sicilia*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 622 steerage passengers and 90 pieces of large baggage. Seven hundred and fifty pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. August 15, the steamship *Trave*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 337 steerage passengers and 55 pieces of large baggage. Four hundred and thirty four pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

*Smallpox and typhus.*

During the week ended August 17, 1901, there were officially reported at Naples 119 cases of smallpox with 17 deaths, and 2 cases of typhus with no deaths.

*Smallpox in Italy.*

Outside of Naples, the only Southern Italian provinces in which smallpox is reported as prevalent are Avellino and Chieti, where there is a decided epidemic. In the other provinces the disease has been brought under control, so that there are a few sporadic cases only. In Sicily smallpox still continues to prevail in the provinces of Messina, Catania, Siracusa, and Girgenti.

*Plague in Egypt.*

Under date of August 12, 1901, there were reported to be 10 cases of bubonic plague in Egypt. Of these, 3 were at Zagazig and 7 at Port Said. Since April 7, 1901, the beginning of the present outbreak, there have been 111 cases with 46 deaths.

Respectfully,

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**MALTA.***Quarantine measures against infectious diseases.*

[Extract from No. 33.—Publications of the imperial health office.]

BERLIN, GERMANY, *August 14, 1901.*

The governor has issued the following regulations:

**A.—MEDICAL INSPECTION.**

1. All vessels and passengers shall, on arrival, undergo strict medical inspection.

**B.—VESSELS WITHOUT A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.**

2. Vessels arriving from any port without a clean bill of health, unless otherwise provided for in these regulations, are allowed to enter the quarantine harbor to load under quarantine restrictions.

3. The vessels referred to in the preceding paragraph will be admitted to free pratique, when they have been admitted to free pratique at an intermediate port and disinfected there to the satisfaction of the port authorities at Malta, or, when ten days have elapsed from date of departure.

**C.—INFECTED VESSELS.**

4. Vessels which have, or have had, on board, during the voyage, or the preceding twenty-one days, cases of cholera, yellow fever, plague, or any disease with symptoms which, in the opinion of the chief government medical officer, resemble the symptoms of the said diseases are not allowed to enter the harbor, but may be allowed to communicate with quarantine establishments.

5. Whenever such vessels carry a recognized medical practitioner and have not actually on board a case of the diseases mentioned in the preceding paragraph, they are allowed to enter the quarantine harbor only to load under quarantine restrictions.